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LEPC Meeting, January 12, 2005

A meeting of the Hamilton County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) was held January 12, 2005 at Wally's Restaurant in East Ridge, TN.

Those in attendance were:

Dane Creel, Kraft Foods, **Chairman**
Bruce Garner, Chatt. FD, 1st Vice Chairman
Jamie Farrow, Pilgrim Pride, V/Chairman
Jack Gray, Hyperlast
Jack Gray, Synair Corp
Christy Westmoreland, Erlanger Hosp.
Cecilia Piotter, Venture Services
Charles Burton, Great Southern Engr.
Bobby Hudson, TN Security
Charles Crowley, TN Security
Mike Poe, SOFIX Corp.
Larry Martin, McKee Foods
Charles Goodner, RACES
Charles Chauncey, RACES
Caroline Williams, LWV

Jean Croft (Visitor)
Tim McDonald, City of Chattanooga
Ronnie Williams, Norfolk Southern
J. Jeremy Swilley, Storm Water Mgmt.
Tim Winston, Dooely Chemicals
Mike Edwards, McKee Foods
David Darnell, BASF
Dusty Rominger, W.R.Grace
David Debuty, Security Engineers
Robert Hadden, THP
Susan Holmes, TN American
Mark Zinnanti, TN American
Jenny Wolverton, C/HC Health Dept.
Eric Helquist, JAT/Fuels Marketing
Dawn Ford, Chatt-HC Health Dept.

Old Business:

- Motion to approve November 10, 2004 LEPC Meeting Minutes was made by Ms. Jamie Farrow, seconded and approved as written by committee at large.
- Motion was made by Mr. Bruce Garner to approve Financial report as presented, was seconded by Ms. Caroline Williams and was approved as written by committee at large.

New Business:

- Chairman Dane Creel introduced two people who wished to join the LEPC. Mr. Jack Gray with Synair Corporation said he also represented a company called Hyperlast. Ms. Christy Westmoreland with Erlanger Medical Center also asked to join. Ms. Jamie Farrow made the motion, seconded by Mr. Bruce Garner to accept the new members. Motion passed.

- Ms. Dawn Ford announced that the LEPC had hired an intern, Ms. Amy Young. Dawn said that Amy is a UTC student majoring in Environmental Science who will be receiving credit from UTC and will be paid by the LEPC, as was approved in a previous meeting. Dawn briefly discussed the work that the Amy would be doing—updating the 1994 LEPC Plan. Dawn spoke about the need for a new computer and after some discussion, Dusty Rominger made a motion, seconded by Bruce Garner, to give the Executive Board the authority and discretion to purchase a computer that can be used by the Secretary and the newly hired college intern.
 - Motion passed with no limit on purchase amount or type of PC bought (desktop vs. laptop). General consensus was that it would probably be somewhere between \$1500 and \$2500. During the discussion, Bruce Garner made the point of asking for private or corporate sponsors.
- A question was raised concerning local emergency notification procedures, in light of the disastrous train derailment in South Carolina which killed nine people and injured hundreds more—Chairman Creel said that Bruce Garner would check into what procedures were in place in the county and what could be done in the future.
 - A variety of ways in which to alert the public was discussed (crawls on TV screens, cable interrupt, reverse 911, etc.
 - Also discussed was Bruce Garner appearing on Talk Radio 102.3 immediately after the meeting and other ways to get the word out to the public in the event of an emergency.
- In discussing the LEPCs focus on 2005, Mr. Creel suggested that the LEPC should consider a “Finance subcommittee”. Rationale—speaking to the fact of re-instating the donation request, actively searching out grant monies, etc., while generating expenditures such as the \$2k for our intern and the \$2k+/- for a new LEPC PC, as well as researching technologies to get our newly digitized plan and supporting documents out in the field, training or equipment for the responders or other projects decided upon— it would seem that to be able to intelligently map out similarly ambitious plans, the Chairman felt that we needed someone to actively manage and project our available monies.
 - While there wasn't a motion or vote in regards to this notion, it seemed that everyone generally agreed.
 - Mr. Eric Helquist suggested that Mr. Brian Lopez-Cepero might be the one to Chair (if interested) such a subcommittee. This suggestion needs further discussion with the Exec. Committee prior to a decision.
- Ms Jamie Farrow said that the LEPC can make another outreach effort by participating in the 2005 Chattanooga Business Expo on Feb 9, from 0800 a.m. through 6:00 p.m. at the Chattanooga Convention and Trade Center. Jamie said volunteers would be needed to staff the booth.
- The Chairman asked the membership if there was interest in hosting another conference? After some discussion, there was a general consensus that it was too late to pursue a conference this year—but, that we should pursue a TEMA grant and try to host one for 2006.
- Mr. David Darnell pointed out that he had not heard of any conferences in the mid-or eastern sections of the state, indicating that 05' monies may still be available. David also agreed to follow-up with his contacts in that regard.

Next Meeting:

- Next meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2005 at Wally's Restaurant in East Ridge with guest speaker, Mr. Scott Fulton, civilian contractor with DOD talking about the environmental redevelopment of the Volunteer Army Ammunition Plant (VAAP) site.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Stuntz
LEPC Secretary